



State of New Hampshire
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November 25, 2002

Mr. Maynard Farr
Poulsen's General Store
1000 Monroe Road
Littleton, New Hampshire 03561

CERTIFIED MAIL (7099 3400 0003 0687 3254)
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

NOTICE OF PAST VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Farr:

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resources Division ("DES") is sending this Notice of Past Violation ("NPV") to Poulsen's General Store ("Poulsen's") to address issues of non-compliance with NH Administrative Rules Env-A 100 *et seq.*, NH Rules Governing the Control of Air Pollution.

On August 16, 2002, a representative from DES observed a P & H Transportation ("P & H") cargo truck dropping gasoline at Poulsen's, Route 135 in Littleton, NH. The DES representative smelled a strong odor of gasoline in the air, and noticed that the P & H driver had not connected his Stage I vapor recovery system during the fuel drop. The DES inspector approached the driver to determine why he had failed to connect his stage I vapor system. The driver informed the inspector that Poulsen's underground storage tanks did not have any Stage I controls, prohibiting him from connecting his own Stage I vapor recovery hose. The DES inspector reminded the driver that gasoline deliveries were not to be made to gasoline dispensing facilities unless a CARB-certified Stage I system is utilized.

Env-A 1205.07(a) states "No person shall transfer or allow the transfer of gasoline into a gasoline storage tank at a gasoline dispensing facility unless a CARB-certified Stage I system is utilized".

On August 19, 2002, DES personnel telephoned both Paulsen's and P & H regarding the above violation. DES was informed that P & H would install coaxial drop tubes at Poulsen's in order to correct the Stage I deficiency.

On August 20, 2002, DES personnel inspected Poulsen's and confirmed that coaxial drop tubes had been installed on the underground storage tanks, and that Poulsen's was now in compliance with the rules pertaining to Stage I. Accordingly, no further action related to the above violation is required.

If Poulsen's believes that the alleged violations noted in this NPV have been cited in error, or if you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Joseph Ritz at the Air Resources Division, Compliance Bureau at (603) 271-1391. A current copy of the Air Resources Division rules can be obtained from the DES website at <http://www.des.state.nh.us/ard/ardrules.htm>, or by contacting the Public Information Center at (603) 271-2975.

Sincerely,

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Compliance Bureau Administrator
Air Resources Division

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